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1. IN HIS INDEPENDENCE DAY SPEECH NOVEMBER 28, PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE GAVE HIS VIEW OF BACKGROUND OF EXPULSION OF MISSIONARIES WITHOUT, HOWEVER, DIRECTLY NAMING THEM OR USING THE WORD EXPULSION. HE ROUNDLY EXCORIATED THOSE LAZY OR MALEVOLENT SOULS WHO FIND YONDOH INCOMPATIBLE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES. HOW, HE ASKED, WHEN CHRISTIANITY EMBRACES ALL HUMAN DIMENSIONS, COULD IT EXCOMMUNICATE CHRISTIANS WHO PARTICIPATED IN IT. CHRISTIANITY MUST BE THE PROMOTOR OF HUMAN VALUES AND SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THAT WHICH IS SO PROFOUNDLY HUMAN AND WHICH GIVES RISE TO ETHNIC AND CULTURAL ORIGINALITY OF A PEOPLE. WHATEVER DESTROYS OUR CULTURE CANNOT BE CHRISTIANITY.

2. "IT IS FRUITLESS AND EVEN CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF CHIRST TO WISH TO SANCTIFY MEN OUTSIDE THE CONTEXT OF THEIR REAL LIVES, OF THEIR PATRIOTIC AND FAMILY OBLIGATIONS, OUTSIDE THEIR CULTURE. THAT IS WHY WE THINK THAT THE FOREIGN "ANGLICAN" OPERATORS OF KYABE, SARH AND KOUMRA SHOULD HAVE ATTEMPTED TO UNDERSTAND THE YONDOH INITIATION, TO HELP TO PERFECT IT OR

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TRANSFIGURE IT, INSTEAD OF MOUNTING ASSAULTS AGAINST IT. THIS,

IN OUR NATIONAL SOVREIGNTY, WE COULD NOT ACCEPT. YONDOH
INITIATION IS THE VERY SOUL OF MANY OF OUR PARTICULAR CIVILIZATIONS.
IT IS THE PROFOUND JUSTIFICATION FOR LIVING FOR MANY CHADIANS. IT
IS THE BASIS OF OUR TRADITIONAL EDUCATION WITH ITS PRINCIPLES OF
CHARITY, AUSTERITY, RENUNCIATION, OBEDIENCE AND HUMILITY."

3. THE PRESIDENT TERMINATED HIS SPEECH BY SAYING TO THE
AUDIENCE, COMPOSED OF JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
(COLLEGIENS ET LYCEENS), "I AM CONVINCED THAT YOU HAVE UNDERSTOOD
THE SENSE OF MY ACTIONS. THEY ARE AIMED AT PROCURING A WELLBEING
FOR YOU AT THE SAME TIME THAT HEY SEEK TO INTEGRATE THE NATIONAL
COMMUNITY IN ITS SPIRITUAL VALUES AND TO ENDOW IT WITH A TRULY
CHADIAN MYSTIQUE."MULCAHY

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